*S.B. No. 278 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING MULTICHANNEL VIDEO PROGRAMMING DISTRIBUTORS TO PAY A COMMUNITY ACCESS PROGRAMMING FEE.

Local news, public affairs and community listings are more important than ever.

Our country was founded based on the values of democracy, that information was not just provided from one source (capital, king, president, dictator), but from an exchange of information between peoples. Public Access on cable television was one way to provide such exchange, has been relied upon by many and served as a resource for all. Now with the people and the corporations moving from newsprint and cable television to the internet, we need public support for public information on the internet. Just as cable providers used the public right of way to support their wires, the internet providers are also. Please support this act.

Margot Hardenbergh

Speaking on my own behalf, but also a long-time supporter of Branford Community TV And currently member of the board.